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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 5a) Of the above claim(s) 19-22, 28-30, 34 and 35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 and 23-27 is/are allowed.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9 and 31-33 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 10) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-876)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/1/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Election

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 1-18, 23-27 and 31-33) in the reply filed on 7/5/11 is acknowledged.

Accordingly, claims 1-18, 23-27 and 31-33 will be examined herein and claims 19-22, 28-30, 34 and 35 are hereby withdrawn from further consideration.

Abstract

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract should be submitted on a separate sheet with no other verbiage thereon. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regard to claim 1, it is unclear as to whether or not the oral composition is intended to be part of the claimed combination, i.e., line 3 of claim 1 indicates that the composition is not intended to be claimed, however, lines 9-11 seem to indicate that the composition is intended to be claimed. Should the Applicant intend to claim the composition, an antecedent basis for the composition should be defined. Should the

Applicant not intend to claim the composition, "adapted to be"/ "for" language should be used when referring thereto.

In regard to claims 5 and 8 it is unclear as to whether or not the reservoir is intended to be part of the claimed combination, i.e., lines 3 and 4 of claim 1 indicate that the reservoir is not intended to be claimed, however, the language of claims 5 and 8 seems to indicate that the reservoir is intended to be claimed. Should the Applicant intend to claim the reservoir, an antecedent basis should therefor be defined. Should the Applicant not intend to claim the reservoir, "adapted to be"/ "for" language should be used when referring thereto.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegner et al. (U.S. Patent 6,406,207, hereinafter Wiegner).

Wiegner discloses an oral care device comprised of a housing 34 (see Figure 16) having dentifrice therein, a head 38, a compressible member 2 defining a fluid path and a pumping assembly 9, 4, 36 configured to compress the compressible member (see Figures 3 and 4 and the paragraph bridging columns 6 and 7) and thereby transfer dentifrice through the fluid path and toward an outlet. Although the Wiegner reference

does not disclose the specifically claimed yield point, shear slope, etc., it is the Examiner's position that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the dentifrice can be designed to have any suitable yield point, shear slope, etc., without effecting the overall operation of the device. Especially since the Wiegner reference in no way limits this particular feature of the dentifrice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-18 and 23-27 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID WALCZAK whose telephone number is (571)272-4895. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, 6:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huson Gregory can be reached on 571-272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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